I. If you were writing a prayer that would be read by and prayed for the saints 2,000 years in the future, how would you pray?

   A. Let’s take a look at the way Paul approached this (Eph. 1:15-23).

   B. The only thing he asked God to do is give us a revelation of what the Lord had already done.

   C. He was praying for every believer to receive revelation of what they already have.

II. God has already poured out His love through Jesus.

   A. He sent the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts (Rom. 5:5).

   B. He loves every one of us infinitely more than any of us have ever understood.

   C. Every time you’ve been depressed and discouraged, your spirit is just rejoicing and praising God.

   D. You can’t tell what’s going on in the spirit realm unless you get into the Word of God.

      The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

      John 6:63

III. Once you start understanding that by grace, it’s already been done, then your prayers turn more to just thanksgiving.

      Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him.

      Ephesians 1:15-17

   A. The truth is, God has already given us wisdom and prudence, making known to us the mystery of His will (Eph. 1:8-9).

   B. Paul is not asking God to do something He hasn’t done—he’s praying that we’d understand what the Lord has already given us.
IV. Paul was praying that your eyes would be opened—not your physical eyes, but your spiritual eyes, the eyes of your heart.

A. Elisha prayed and said, “Lord, open up the young man’s eyes” (2 Kin. 6:17).

B. All of a sudden, this young man saw with his heart and perceived all the angels.

C. Adam and Eve could see into the spirit realm because they were walking by faith through the eyes of their hearts.

D. Adam and Eve degenerated from seeing and walking by faith to seeing and walking by sight (Gen. 3:7).

E. Now, through the new birth, “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).

V. Through the eyes of our hearts, we would start to perceive “the hope of his calling” (Eph. 1:18).

A. This isn’t just the hope of your calling; it’s the hope of His calling!

B. Now that you’re born again, you have a calling that is beyond human ability.

C. God has a plan for you that is supernatural—it’s going to take His supernatural ability working through you to do it.

VI. His inheritance is in the saints.

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is... the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:18

A. We have already obtained the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thess. 2:14).

B. The Word isn’t talking about your physical body or your soul (mental and emotional realm).

C. In the spirit, you are full of the glory of God.

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

D. One day we will stand before God and suddenly know all things even as we are known (1 Cor. 13:12).
1. According to Romans 5:5, what is shed abroad in our hearts?

2. By whom?

3. John 3:6 reveals that that which is born of the flesh is what?

4. And that which is born of the Spirit is what?

5. According to John 6:63, what profits nothing?

6. What quickens (makes alive)?

7. According to Ephesians 1:8-9, in all _____ has God abounded toward us.

8. What were opened in Genesis 3:7?

9. What did Elisha pray for the young man in 2 Kings 6:15-17?

10. According to 2 Corinthians 5:7, do we walk by sight?

11. Second Thessalonians 2:14 reveals that we have obtained the glory of whom?

12. According to Romans 8:18, the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed where?

13. First Corinthians 13:12 says that when we’re face to face with Jesus, I shall know even as what?
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Ephesians 1:15-23

And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Romans 5:5

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:6

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself.

Ephesians 1:8-9

And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:7

And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes

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of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

2 Kings 6:15-17

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

Wherunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:14

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

1 Corinthians 13:12